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PREFACE

During the Second World War the German Signal Intelligence Control Center of the Staff of the Chief of Army Signal Service (HNW,LNA) issued a series of reports to show the USSR military-economic situation as reflected in Russian internal plain language traffic. These reports appeared at short, irregular intervals, usually six per month, for the period October 1942-March 1943. Eighty-three of these reports have been translated and issued by [REDACTED]

It is planned to issue a complete set of translations of the reports beginning with the most recent and working backward, but omitting those already translated by [REDACTED]. The numbering of the items was added by the translator since the Germans did this only in the last eighteen reports, [REDACTED] inclusive. Since the original material was in Russian, an effort has been made when translating the German to determine the original Russian term wherever possible. This is facilitated by the Russian fondness for abbreviations. In these translations into English the probable meaning of the abbreviation will be given in parenthesis the first time it occurs in each report.

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15 March 1943

The Soviet UnionMilitary-Economic Report

(Based on domestic radio traffic)

Personnel Situation

(1) Because of the lack of a work force, the firewood distribution at the Pechora Steamship Agency was not carried out at the beginning of the 1943 navigation period.

(2) Fifty-six men in NKRF Saratov completed trade school.

(3) Chistopol must make electric welders available to the NKRF Plant "Kujbyshev".

(4) The NKRF offices in Ulan-Ude have to carry out the following personnel training in the second quarter:

	<u>Men</u>
Beginners curriculum for personnel of the shore directorate	78
Beginners curriculum in Stakhanov schools	90
Beginners curriculum for management personnel	30
Training of ship repair-specialists	<u>90</u>
Total	288

(5) Blagoveshchensk has to carry out the following personnel training in the second quarter:

	<u>Men</u>
Beginners curriculum for personnel of the shore directorate	65
Beginners curriculum for management personnel	90
Finishing curriculum in Stakhanov schools	40
Training of ship repair-specialists	<u>105</u>
Total	300

(6) Khabarovsk has to carry out the following personnel training in the second quarter:

	<u>Men</u>
Beginners curriculum for personnel of the shore directorate	75
Beginners curriculum for management personnel	40
Finishing curriculum in Stakhanov schools	50
Training of ship repair-specialists	<u>120</u>
Total	285

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Food Supply

(7) Tiflis. Factory "Kirov" received only 170 liters of alcohol instead of 350 liters in the first quarter.

(8) The Wine Industry plans in April the following production with a total value of 2,270,000 rubles:

Wine	800,000 liters
Liqueur	90,000 "
Grape vodka	20,000 "
Grain vodka	80,000 "
Cognac	30,000 "
Grape juice	3,000 "
Grain alcohol	80,000 "

(9) Canning Industry received 300 tons of sugar from Kirovakan.

(10) Food Industry must receive 6 tons of linseed oil from the Georgian Oil and Fat Directorate.

(11) Sugar factory in Dzhabul must ship 45 carloads of sugar in March for Georgia.

(12) Industry Supply must receive 15 tons of flour in March.

(13) For the Supply Office of the Transcaucasus Front (in Tiflis ?) 2075 tons of sugar were shipped in Dzhabul.

(14) In the first ten days of March the cognac and vodka distillery produced:

vodka	30,510 liters
alcohol	89,420 "

(15) The champagne distillery received 33,000 bottles of dry wine from the dry wine distillery on the account of the first quarter.

(16) Kaganovich ordered the NK for Transportation to ship 70 carloads of wine to Moscow on 6 March.

(17) The Transcaucasus Front received from the cannery 450 jars of jam and 500 jars of puree sauce.

(18) The supply office of the Black Sea Fleet must receive 100 tons of macaroni in April.

(19) Erivan shipped:

to Ordzhonikidze	tobacco	1 carload
" Nalchik	"	1 "
" Mineralnye Vody	"	4 "

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(20) Ordzhonikidze requests for April:

flour	1800 tons
pealed barley	150 "
for breweries barley	200 "

(21) Canning Industry received 60 tons of beans from Baku in March.

(22) The Uzbek Canning Sales in Tashkent shipped to Batum via Krasnovodsk one carload of grapefruit.

(23) The Meat Combine in Armavir requests:

seed oats	50 tons
barley and maize	10 "

(24) The supply office of the Transcaucasus Front must receive 100,000 liters of wine from Armavir for the March account.

(25) The cannery in Kutais produced 3.5 tons of concentrates on 6 March.

(26) The Armaments Industry in Saratov must receive 2 carloads of alcoholic liquors and tobacco in the third ten days of March.

Coal Supply

(27) Tiflis. NKVD reports as the stock for 1 March: coal 31.5 tons

(28) Stock in factory "Kirov" on 6 March: coal 535 "

coke	9.5 "
arrival coal	50 "

(29) For the Georgian SSR 21,000 tons of coal are requested for the second quarter.

(30) The following have been authorized for the Georgian NK for the Food Industry in March:

Tkvibuli	coal	2,100 tons
Tkvarcheli	"	800 "

(31) Because of the lack of coal the factory in Marelisha stopped operations in the first quarter. For March 100 tons of coal have been authorized.

(32) The Georgian NK for the Timber Industry asks for a supplementary supply of 200 tons of coal for March.

(33) 20 tons of Tkvarcheli coal will be shipped to cartographic plant No. 8 for March.

(34) Erivan, Tobacco Industry, consumed 60 tons of coal in February and reports the stock on 1 March as 80 tons of coal.

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(35) Factory No. 233 in Avchala has been granted a limit of 100 tons of Tkvarcheli coal for March and for April, 135 tons of coke.

(36) Ust-Kamenogorsk has been granted 200 tons of coal for March.

Timber Supply

(37) Tiflis. NKVD reports 7 cbm. of firewood as the stock for 1 March.

(38) The Chief Directorate for the Tea Industry receives for March and April 1,000 cbm. of construction timber. Of this the Georgian Tea Directorate receives 750 cbm. and the Georgian Tea-Sovkhoz-Directorate 250 cbm.

(39) Ordzhonikidze requests for reconstruction work at the Grain Procurement center:

round timber	100 cbm.
sawn timber	200 "

Oil Supply

(40) Tiflis. NKVD reports as the stock on 1 March:

petroleum	0.1 ton
mazut	3.5 tons

(41) Factory "Kirov" reports as stock on 6 March:

	truck gasoline -	
	ligroin	5.38 tons
	petroleum	2.23 "
	mazut	71 "
Arrival	"	45 "

(42) The following will be required for the Georgian SSR for the second quarter:

gasoline	750 tons
ligroin	100 "
petroleum	600 "
motor oil	1500 "
diesel oil	30 "
mazut	10500 "

(43) The film industry supply office requires:

gasoline	3 tons
petroleum	1 ton

(44) The Georgian Chief Directorate for Military Hospitals has been authorized for March:

gasoline	3 tons
petroleum	1.5 "
motor oil	3 "

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(45) The labor office requires for March:

gasoline	1 ton
petroleum	3 tons
machine oil	0.3 "
mazut	40 "

(46) The flight technical school requires for March:

petroleum	2 tons
gasoline	1 ton

(47) The Tobacco Industry requires 15 tons of gasoline for March.

(48) The representative of the Georgian State Planning (Agency) reports:

Although one tank car of benzol and one carload of naphtha tar was granted in December for the production of special lacquers, as yet only one carload of naphtha tar has been received. Benzol has not yet been shipped.

(49) The hosiery mill in Erivan has shut down because there is no fuel. The transporting of ore for the chrome textiles plant cannot be carried out for the same reason. The needs include:

for the hosiery mill	ligroin	4 tons
for the chrome textile	truck	5 "
plant	gasoline	
for the shoe factory	aviation gaso-	2 "
	line	

(50) Nalchik reports that the lack of fuel delays the sowing and requirements include:

gasoline	5 tons
ligroin	10 "
petroleum	5 "

(51) Baku shipped the following to Chiaturi on 6 March:

petroleum	85 tons
mazut	46 "
gasoline	59 "

(52) The following is granted Batum for March for the Black and Azov Seas

Steamship Agencies:

truck gasoline	11 tons
petroleum	12 "
diesel oil	155 "
motor oil	600 "

(53) Adler-Tea Industry requires for the second quarter:

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oil	5 tons
diesel lubri-	0.5 "
cating oil	
avtol	0.65 "
solidol	0.2 "

(54) Ust-Kamenogorsk was granted for March:

diesel oil	4 tons
gasoline	2.5 "
petroleum	1.2 "

Material Supply

(55) Tiflis. The Road Directorate requires for March:

bitum	1100 (tons ?)
cement	500 (tons ?)

(56) NKVD received additionally for March:

cement	1000 tons
storage batteries	110 "
spark plugs	600 "

(57) Since the remelting of duraluminum is hindered, 4 carloads of fire brick are required.

(58) The State Bank in Erivan received only 0.2 ton of forms instead of 5 tons in the first quarter. The Paper Sales refused further deliveries since there is nothing more on hand.

(59) The Canning Industry lacks casks, cases, and carboys. The raw material for preparing the carboys is lacking.

(60) For carrying out a special order, the leather factory must receive 10,000 pigskins from Baku and Tiflis.

(61) In the second quarter 60 tons of newsprint will be needed.

(62) The mill in Voroshilovsk must receive from Dzhulfa 2 carloads of sacks.

(63) Nalchik requires:

silk	5 tons
tarpaulin	15 "
sacks	200 "
binding thread	0.03 ton

Production

(64) NKRF - office in Zolotoe reports that the barge "Angara" will be ready 20 March.

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(65) NKRF - Kujbyshev must prepare office furniture for NKRF - Stalingrad, including:

office desks	20
chairs	50
simple tables	50
stools	300

(66) NKRF - Chistopol must make preliminary estimates for the steamer "Uglich" and for two barges with mechanical driving equipment.

(67) NKRF - Novosibirsk must build 6 transshipping boats of 200 tons and 7 of 100 tons.

Miscellaneous

(68) It is reported from Moscow to Kujbyshev that it is forbidden for local NKRF offices to mobilize transport workers according to their own estimates.